

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 7, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 35, with the following:

Figs. 2 and 3 thus illustrate examples of devices capable of manufacturing the packaging laminate of the present invention. These devices 200 and 200a each consists of a vacuum chamber 202 including the plasma process zone 201, a pump 204 connected to the chamber 202 and means of introducing the precursor gas mixture into the chamber, a drum 203 for passing the plastics substrate film through the vacuum chamber and facilitating vapor-deposition of the oxide onto the substrate film, an unwinding roll 206 for feeding the substrate film to the vacuum chamber 202 and a rewinding roll 208 for pulling the obtained film from the vacuum chamber 202. A PECVD method is more thoroughly described in US patent No. 5224441, which is hereby incorporated into the specification by reference.

At page 10, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11, with the following:

The outer side of the outer carbon-containing silicone oxide layer 17 is coated with an outer layer of heat-sealable thermoplastics 19 of, for example LDPE. The layer 19 is heat-sealable at the temperature among 121°C-260°C with the thermoplastics outer layer ~~23~~ 13 of laminate ~~20a~~ 10a and is bonded to the substrate or carrier layer ~~25~~ 15 with the aid of an intermediate adhesive or adhesive polymer ~~28~~ 18.

At page 12, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22, with the following:

Fig. 8 shows a further embodiment of a packaging laminate according to the invention for producing a package of the bag type, without a paper or paperboard core layer, possessing superior oxygen gas and aroma barrier. The packaging laminate 40 comprises a substrate 46 and an intermediate adhesive layer 45. The packaging laminate 40 comprises a first

prefabricated laminate unit or flexible plastic film 40a and a second prefabricated laminate unit 40b which are permanently bonded to one another by an intermediate adhesive layer 41.

At page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9, with the following:

The first laminate unit or plastic film ~~50b~~ 50a consists of a single layer of a flexible heat-sealable thermoplastic, e.g., polyester, polyethylene or polypropylene, that is capable of being heat-sealed at a temperature of 121°C-260°C in a conventional heat-sealing machine.